(b) District collectorate officials and forest officials of the area have completed joint investigation and confirmed the encroachment over an area of 2.19 hectare. Action is being initiated by Government of Sikkim under the Sikkim Public Premises and Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants And Rent Recovery Act, 1989, Sikkim Forest Water Cources and Road Reserve Act, 1988 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) Regional Office at Bhubaneshwar has been instructed to conduct inquiry in both the cases and submit its report to this Ministry.

Census of Enclaves

3734. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that population of Indian citizens in 119 exchangeable Enclaves of India in Bangladesh is 10,104 as per 1951 census;

(b) whether no census of these Enclaves has been undertaken after 1951;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the census work is likely to be undertaken to know the actual number of Indian citizens residing in these Enclaves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the enumeration of population in these Enclaves was not very satisfactory because of the inaccessibility of these Enclaves and difficulties put up by the then Pakistan Border Police in the way of our enumerators, but also because many residents of these Enclaves considered it a safer course to be counted in the Pakistan Census which was being simultaneously held at that time. In view of this, it was not possible to take a proper census of these Enclaves in 1951.

(b) to (d). The Government has no administrative control or access to the Enclaves lying within Bangladesh and hence it has not been possible to conduct any Census after 1951. The exchange of the Enclaves is directly linked to and will necessarily follow the completion of demarcation of boundary with Bangladesh as per the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and on its ratification by India. The Census of these Enclaves can only be undertaken by the Government of India thereafter.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

3735. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given consent to open a FBI office of USA in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken into consideration the security implications arising therefrom; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Release of Pakistani Official

3736. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the official of Embassy of Pakistan held on the charges of spionage was released by the Delhi Police on September 28, 1996; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. This was done as the diplomats and members of diplomatic missions enjoy immunity from criminal jurisdiction of the receiving State.

Demand for a Separate Hill State

3737. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had a meeting with the Leaders of the Darjeeling Hill Council;

(b) if so, the main points discussed at the meeting,

(c) whether the Government propose to provide plan assistance directly to Gorkha Hill Council instead of routing the same through the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The leaders of the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council called on Home Minister on 10.11.1996 and submitted a Memorandum demanding Statehood to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council.

(c) and (d). Planning Commission has intimated that at present there is no proposal to provide plan assistance or financial support directly to Gorkha Hill Council. Plan assistance is provided to the State Governments as per the modified Gadgil Formula, 1991, which has the approval of NDC and this formula provides for assistance to the Plan of the entire State and cannot be given to an autonomous Council of the State.